1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 8 9 JAMES STEWART, SUE PEARCE. 10 JOSEPH VIZZARD, WILIE JONES. TOLAN FURUSHO, and KEITH Case No. CV04-2130RSL 11 ROBERTSON, derivatively on behalf of Goldtech Mining Corporation, a Nevada 12 ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF Corporation, WITHDRAWAL AND 13 Plaintiffs. SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL 14 VS. 15 TRACY KROEKER, RALPH JORDAN, JACK LASKIN, NANCY EGAN RICHARD 16 SMITH, and SERGE BOURGOIN, 17 Defendants. 18 This matter comes before the Court on the "Notice of Withdrawal and Substitution of 19 Counsel" (Dkt. #169). Under Local General Rule 2(g)(4)(A): 20 No attorney shall withdraw an appearance in any cause, civil or criminal, except by leave of court. Leave shall be obtained by filing a motion or a stipulation for 21 withdrawal[.]... A motion for withdrawal shall be noted in accordance with CR 22 $7(d)(2) \dots$ and shall include a certification that the motion was served on the client and opposing counsel. A stipulation for withdrawal shall also include a 23 certification that it has been served upon the client. 24 Plaintiffs' counsel did not obtain leave of court as required by this rule. Accordingly, the 25 "Notice of Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel" (Dkt. #169) is hereby STRICKEN because 26 it does not comply with Local General Rule 2(g)(4)(A). Counsel is strongly urged to comply 27 ORDER STRIKING NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION 28 OF COUNSEL - 1

with the local rules in any subsequent request for withdrawal. DATED this 12th day of February, 2007. MMS Casuik
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